

A SHAMELESS LIE

Is the English Calumny Against the Brave Boers.

THE TRUTH AT LAST REVEALED

English Butchers Did Murder Boers in Cold Blood, Did Kill Their Prisoners, and the Murderers say That They Did so Over Their Own Signatures—The Boers as Brave as They are Humane.

The truly democratic English journal, Reynolds's London Newspaper, in a three-column write-up, completely disproves the charge that the Boers killed or mistreated the wounded at Vlakfontein, as charged by Lieutenant Hearn. Even this officer has weakened, and now says he only saw one Boer violating the rules of war. Here are excerpts from Reynolds's London Newspaper, which is a daily paper, and which has been too often corrected to merit authority from any but those gaping and credulous persons who imagine that the Lord made the universe for those Outlanders beyond the seas—the Anglo-Saxon hordes who came and possessed themselves of Britain after the same fashion as they are trying to rob the Dutch of their Republics in South Africa. This campaign would not have existed for a day were it not for the lies that have been told in the capitalist and Jingo press. These falsehoods have been exploded one after the other, only to be fresh lies to be invented at the earliest opportunity. England is now commonly called throughout the world "The Nation of Liars," owing to the fact that the Jingo and Tory press is owned by capitalists who are largely interested in stocks, shares, and financial speculations, and whom it pays to deceive the public.

"Next it will be in the recollection of all our readers how a certain lieutenant, writing to the Times, described with savage exultation the slaughter of surrendered Boers—which he described as 'pig-sticking'—at Elands-laagte. In this journal we have published numerous letters, showing by the evidence of the soldiers themselves, that on occasion they have given the Boers no quarter."

"Did any word of condemnation come from the Jingo and Tory journals? Not one. By their silence they approved of these deeds."

"Miss Hobhouse's revelations as to the 'Massacre of the Innocents' in the camps, where we have confined our child and woman prisoners, were creating a profound sensation. This must be counteracted," said the financial conspirators. So their organs in the press were set to work, throughout the country, and they invented a fine story about the killing of wounded English at Vlakfontein, where our soldiers ran away leaving the hospitals in the hands of the Dutch, as stated by a soldier correspondent in the Tory and Jingo Standard, whose letter we copy below."

"Among the authorities given for the killing of the wounded, in a Jingo paper, the Daily Chronicle, was Lieutenant Hearn. That officer has been communicated with on the subject. It was stated that Lieutenant Hearn, while lying wounded, saw a number of British in the same position shot by a Boer, and that during this experience he suffered a profound sensation. Since this, in a telegram to the Western Mail, Cardiff, Lieutenant Hearn states: 'Please contrast statements made in Chronicle, Entirely false.—Hearn.'"

"Thus the officer has stamped this Pro-Gore statement as a falsehood. Will the lying Chronicle, since this, in a telegram to the Western Mail, Cardiff, Lieutenant Hearn has stated that he saw one Boer act in the way described. In the heat of battle, at close quarters, this must be a constant occurrence."

"Now let us quote some letters, received within the last few days from soldiers who were at the Vlakfontein affair. And first the following letter and enclosure which appeared in the Standard of Saturday last, the Standard being, as we have said, one of the chief Tory and Jingo organs:

"To the Editor of the Standard: 'Sir: On reading the terrible accounts of the ill-treatment of the wounded at Vlakfontein, I feel impelled to send you some extracts from a letter written by my son, a Yeoman, who was wounded in that engagement. Trusting this will show that all Boers are not brutal—I am, sir, your obedient servant.

"WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

"July 11. 'After describing how he was wounded and his comrades killed, he says: 'Directly C— was dead, the two Dutchmen dismounted right on us and I watched them as they took our handbills and rifles. One of them—a young man—lifted me up by the shoulders and said in perfect English: 'Hullo, old chap, what's up with you?' I replied, 'Shot through the thigh.' He took off my handbill and picked up my rifle, which had fallen from my hand. He asked if I had a self-satisfying belt—the one I— gave me. He took this and all my money, about 20s. He then pulled me a few yards to one side and put my head under the shelter of a piece of stone about 6 inches high, and left, saying, 'Keep still and you will be all right.' The other man came up and took my watch off my wrist. I asked him to give me some water; he replied, 'Hold out your hat, and he quick.' I did so, and he poured some water into it. They then left me lying there. * * * light in the center of the enemy, and their commandant came and took up his position about 12 yards from me. He was a fine, big man, with a white plume and a magnificent horse. Another man came and stood over me, and fired from that position. I asked him how things were going. He didn't reply except to laugh in a self-satisfied fashion. * * * the next night the column left for Naarport, leaving the hospital behind. The following morning a few Dutchmen came down to see us and to say that some of our dead were still lying outside. They were very decent in their behavior. One of them offered an orderly 5s. for his hat as his own was worn out. He said they had lost 70, but he was a liar. There was nothing to prevent them taking anything they wanted, as we hadn't a weapon among us."

"If there is a man who has the reason of a dog, or the fairness of a goblin, that letter itself ought to end any

further doubt as to the truth, or otherwise, of this affair."

Reynolds proceeds to quote numerous letters from wounded soldiers and officers in that fight at Vlakfontein, none of whom charges the Boers with inhumanity or violation of the rules of war. On the contrary, they one and all bear testimony to the heroism and kindness of the Boers to both the British wounded and prisoners.

One soldier says: "The Boers behaved like men, never shooting when they could take prisoners, and they charged with great dash and bravery. They are very cool under fire, and they even asked me how I was going on, and apologized because they had to take our rifles and ammunition."

Reynolds then gives the other side of the picture, thus: "And now for another view, again from soldiers at the front. Private C. Chadwick, 3d Grenadier Guards, writing from Modder Camp, also said, 'The Boers cry for mercy when they know they have no chance of shooting you down, but we take no notice of the crying and stick the bayonet through the back of the neck.'"

"Private G. Washington, 2d Coldstream, said of the four battles fought by Lord Methuen: 'In the last two fights we used the bayonet freely, as we advanced, and the Boers appealed for mercy in vain.'"

"Driver P. Clark, of the 65th Howitzer Battery, writing on March 12, 1900, to his brother at Bristol, said: 'I know our troops won't have any mercy on them (the Boers). It is only the officers that stop the men from killing them right out. I have seen a few put out of their misery.'"

"A letter has just been received in Liverpool, dated Naarport Nek, June 24, from Sergeant Fisher, of the 60th (Sussex) Company of Imperial Yeomanry, and an ex-constable in the Liverpool police force: 'They came up behind the smoke and we had a terrible fight. We got mixed up with them and could hardly tell them from our own men, because they were dressed in khaki. * * * My horse fell among some rocks and, of course, I got behind some. I had scarcely got there when a Boer galloped up and shouted, 'Hands up!' I put my carbine on the rocks, but I had my revolver by me. He came up to me laughing and said, 'Now you give me your belt and ammunition.' He came nearer and I shot him dead in the stomach with my revolver. I took his Mauser, which I am going to bring home."

"Corst, previously employed at the Staines Linoleum Factory, writing from Pietersburg, April 16th, says in the Staines and Egham News: 'We entered Pietersburg on Easter Monday morning without opposition, but shortly after two officers of the Australians were killed and one man wounded by a young Boer, who was immediately rushed on and he succumbed to the tune of half a dozen bullet wounds and just a few frods of the bayonet to help him out of pain.'"

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"Such, then, is the character of this war. Founded on deliberate lies, it has been carried on by a most inhuman series of atrocities. The homes of the people have been burnt; their wives and children imprisoned in murder camps; the heroic Boer peasants, fighting gloriously for their independence, transported beyond the seas. And all for the greed of gold, and the knavery of the money-mongers of the stock markets. Meanwhile all home reform is being neglected. The pauper houses are full; trade is falling off; education is being put back; the land is falling into decay through a criminal monopoly of the land; the land is being used for the production of a few frods of the bayonet to help him out of pain."

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BOLD CONIACKERS!

Miles Ogle, Who Recently Died after a Fifteen Stretch.

AND THE FAMOUS JIM GUYON

Who Has Never Been Captured, Notwithstanding Rewards and Vigilant Secret Service Sleuths—An Interesting Chapter on Counterfeiters, Their Exploits, Escapes, and Experiences With Detectives and the Public.

Miles Ogle, the most noted counterfeiter in the United States, recently died, at the expiration of a 15-year sentence given him in Memphis in September, 1899, his good time earned while in prison being over four years. This man was the prince of "coniacs," and did time in the Allegheny City penitentiary, Pennsylvania; six years in the Chester, Ill., prison, and 15 years in the Columbus, O., penitentiary, where the writer made his acquaintance, and subsequently took down his history for the prison publication known as "Lights and Shades," still sold at that prison by the superintendent of schools, a semi-speculative school-teacher named Dan J. Morgan.

The Globe will only quote the following from Ogle's talk, as an illustration of how a man once fallen is prevented from ever reforming, if it is to the interest of the police, or rather, detectives, to keep him up to a criminal career. Ogle says:

"I begin with the year 1877. I was tried in Pittsburgh, Pa., for having in my possession counterfeit plates and counterfeit money of various kinds, and being found guilty, I was sentenced to the penitentiary of Allegheny City for a term of eight years. I spent a large sum of money in various ways, for a commutation of this sentence or to secure a pardon, in which I failed, and had to serve out my term. In consequence of this failure to secure a little mercy, I became consequently foolish—which I thought was smartness—and I left the prison determined to get even. I almost immediately went to work engraving plates, and amongst the rest of my product, I cut a plate for a \$20 silver certificate, and shortly after a \$10 silver on the Third National Bank of Cincinnati. Both of these productions were fair specimens of the engraver's art, and more I need not say."

"Fifteen months of a free run since my release from the Allegheny penitentiary, and I again found myself under arrest at Memphis, Tenn., with \$3,000 of counterfeit money on my person. My trial and conviction followed, and I was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at Chester, Ill."

"At the expiration of my term I concluded to reform, and never touch nor handle another plate, nor another dollar of counterfeit money. My experience in crooked work was a dear one, and besides, I found the detectives to be more interested in keeping me in the business than I was myself. Indeed, after giving up to Detective B— (further mention of whom will be made) all the counterfeit money, some \$3,500 in twenties and tens, shortly after my arrest at Memphis in 1885, the detective made every effort in his power to induce me to consent to a statement he wanted to give the press, that the amount I turned up was \$100,000 or at least \$75,000. 'Just to make the thing look big, Miles, you know,' was the clinching argument of this specimen of a United States cop. He wanted his reputation enlarged, and probably my sentence also."

"After my release from Chester prison, I did nothing that could put me in the clutches of the law. I therefore had no fear of the officers. I traveled around the United States, and I was often in Cincinnati and St. Louis, and always appeared openly in the most public places, such as the theater and the hotel and the gambling joints of both cities. In fact, I followed a sporting life, gambling and racing like thousands of others who are on the turf today, and no one dreamed of me."

"In the month of August, 1890, or about 17 months after my release from Chester prison, I was arrested in Cincinnati and taken to the Government building, my captor being this same Detective B—. Here I was thoroughly searched, and a United States cop, a genuine 'long green' found upon me, but, of course, not a dollar of the 'queer,' as I had long before given up the business of engraving and counterfeiting. I desire to make a note here which will serve as an explanation to the reader further along, and that is, an engraver or counterfeiter of the currency, State or national, never, under any circumstances, 'shows the queer' himself. He simply makes the money to sell. 'Showing the queer,' as passing counterfeit money is called, is a distinct business altogether from its manufacture, and no first-class man combines the two branches."

Owing to the inability of the detectives to make a case against Ogle in Cincinnati, he was taken to Memphis, where the proper kind of witnesses were found, and the unfortunate man convicted and sentenced to the 15 years which resulted, as stated in his death."

From Ogle to Jim Guyon is an easy transition, and it is of the latter The Globe would speak:

"The story of Jim Guyon is the story of a man who has so far successfully evaded the secret service men, who ultimately will be caught. He is the only great counterfeiter who hasn't been. Here are one or two incidents in Guyon's career, showing his wariness and the way the secret service men operate."

For 20 years Guyon has been giving the service much to think about, and his nefarious operations have cost the country fully \$100,000. It was in 1879 that Jim began bothering the Treasury Department with his pesky plate, which produced a \$10 note quite as good as the Government could make. The first notice of him was taken in 1879, when a horse trader, giving the name of Quinn, appeared in Moberly, Mo.

Quinn was quite sporty, and on arrival in Moberly cut quite a dash, driving a good team and dispensing liberally at the bars. He also played poker, and in various ways managed to put out several hundred dollars of the Webster heads. By accident a bank at Moberly discovered the inevitable flaw in the bill, and the alarm was given to Captain Hall, now dead, and then chief of the secret service at Chicago.

Hall went to Moberly and soon had Quinn, alias Guyon, dead to rights. It was easy enough to convict Guyon of passing counterfeit money, but Hall wanted to do more. He wanted the plate.

Even if Guyon was put away in prison the plate could be kept in busi-

ness by the confederates, and no real good would be accomplished. Hall assumed the name of Howe, and soon became confidential with Guyon. Howe posed as a sport who wanted some "queer" money, and soon made a contract to pay \$2,000 in good currency for \$6,000 of Guyon's private stock. He did not take long to learn that Guyon's partner was old Nelse Driggs, the venerable counterfeiter, who has since recently died at Dayton. Nor did it require much time to discover that Guyon and Driggs had a money-making shop on Turner's island, in the Mississippi River, near the village of Dameron. Negotiations for \$6,000 in queer stuff took place in St. Louis. Counterfeiters are as slow and cautious as diplomats, and the trade took several days for adjustment. This gave time for Hall to gather around him the best secret service men of the Department.

To inveigle Driggs and Guyon into a trap was long, wearisome work. Once Driggs promised to bring the bogus money to an appointed rendezvous, Driggs came, deposited a bundle, and Hall saw inside the good money for the bad. Hall flashed his \$2,000 and Driggs opened the bundle, which contained only blank paper.

"I suspect a 'plant,'" whined Driggs, who was finally convinced that Howe, alias Hall, meant business. Next day a messenger was sent for Driggs to deliver his \$6,000 at Pearl's saloon. This was a 'joint,' the toughest in all St. Louis. The secret service men knew it would be worth their lives to attempt the arrest of Driggs or Guyon in that disreputable place, and they planned accordingly.

Hall arranged to meet Driggs in a private room and receive the stuff fresh from Guyon's island factory. Driggs came in finally, and reassured by the sight of Hall's "square" currency, proceeded to produce the "queer."